fact sheet

RAISE THE AGE CT

CONNECTICUT JUVENILE JUSTICE ALLIANCE

System size

In Connecticut, the addition of older teens to the juvenile justice system did not have an overwhelming effect because the system had been shrinking for more than a decade. Thus, the capacity was already there to add 16- and 17-year olds.

Showing trends in delinquency commitments is a good way to support raising the age.

New juvenile court cases

99–00	30,264	
00–01	28,821	
01–02	31,444	
02–03	32,535	
03–04	33,183	
04–05	32,353	
05–06	32,747	
06–07	30,742	
07–08	26,956	
08–09	25,082	
		← 16-year-olds enter system
09–10	24,315	
10–11	24,786	
11–12	22,172	
		← 17-year-olds enter system
12–13	23,993	
13–14	23,358	

Note: Even after Raise the Age was fully implemented in 2012, the overall system was smaller than it had been just two years prior.